



## Minutes for the Allotment Committee Meeting of Yeovil Without Parish Council held at Wyndham Park Community Hub on 15 July 25 at 7.00pm

Present – Kevin Brown, Michaela Brown, Iris Coton (arrived 7.07pm), Ruth Foster, Phil Hobbs, John Orchard, Colin Rose and Paula Scriven.

In attendance - Barbara Appleby (Clerk)

Members of the Public – None

### AC 49 /25 Election of Chair

Colin Rose was unanimously elected chair.

### AC 50/25 Apologies

Dannial Brown, Jessica York and Courtney Stewart

### AC 51/25 Declaration of Interest

The following members declared personal interests as allotment tenants:

Kevin Brown, Michaela Brown, Ruth Foster, Phil Hobbs, John Orchard and Paula Scriven.

Kevin Brown and John Orchard members of YWPC – Personal

### AC 52/25 Allotment Committee Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 24 were **APPROVED** as a true record.

### AC 53/25 YMAS Meetings

**NOTED** actions and concerns that had been raised at YMAS meetings.

### AC 54/25 Allotment Site

i. **Council** – Update on recent termination notice issued and available plots.

It was **NOTED** that the tenant has expressed the need for the allotment, however, the plot has remained uncultivated for the past six years. The council has provided ample opportunities for the tenant to cultivate the plot since its rental in 2019. This includes two formal termination notices issued despite previous agreements to begin cultivation.

The council has considered all matters raised by the tenant, and every effort has been made to support them in cultivating the plot. However, the continued lack of cultivation and its potential impact on the safety and wellbeing of other

allotment holders cannot be overlooked. The safety and enjoyment of the broader community of allotment holders must be prioritised.

The council remains committed to working with the tenant, they had been given two weeks to start to rectify the situation to provide an opportunity for the committee to possibly reconsider the termination notice.

**ii. YMAS – Action on Uncultivated Plots and Support Services**

Following the concerns raised, it was agreed that the clerk would contact allotment holders who have shown no interest in cultivating their plots. Along with this, the clerk would provide contact information on the option of a paid private service for strimming plots.

Additionally, the clerk will visit the allotment on **Friday, 18th July 2025**, to inspect the condition of the plots and confirm whether any remedial work has been undertaken. This visit will support the committee’s decision-making in reconsidering the termination notice.

**AC 55/25 Project and Improvements.**

It was **NOTED** that ongoing projects would commence in the Autumn. A scarecrow competition would take place on 6<sup>th</sup> September 25 at 11am, Iris Coton and Colin Rose were asked if they could judge the competition.

**AC 56/25 Amalgamation of Allotment and Environment Committees**

It was **AGREED** to give this matter further consideration; full council would ultimately make the final decision.

**AC 57/25 Water Testing**

Following concerns regarding the potential transfer of pollutants to neighbouring farmland, it was established that water testing would be more appropriate than soil testing. However, it was noted that there is currently no water present in the ditch or pond. Should the pond accumulate sufficient water, the matter will be referred to the Environmental Committee for further assessment

**AC 58/25 YWPC growing plants for planter in the parish**

It was **AGREED** that this would not be cost effective and that plants should be purchased from commercial retailers.

**Meeting Closed 7.55pm**

Chair ..... Date .....